

**Minutes of the Seaton Town Council ('the Council')  
Meeting  
on Monday, 1 November 2021**

**Present:**

**Chair:** Cllr D Ledger

**Town**

**Councillors:** K. Beer, P. Burrows, M. Hartnell, J. Russell, C. Wood and D. Wright

**Officers:** Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk

**Public:** EDDC Ward Cllr Jack Rowland.

**113. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Haggerty, Macaskill Singh and Steven.

**114. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Hartnell declared a personal interest as a Devon County (DCC) and East Devon District (EDDC) Councillor. Cllr Ledger declared a personal interest as an East Devon District Councillor.

**115. Minutes**

Members **RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, 4 October 2021 (moved Cllr Beer, seconded Cllr Burrows)

**116. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman stated there was little to report this month, but he had attended a meeting of the Seaside Towns Group and had also been invited to attend the James Bond gala night at the Gateway in November.

**117. Public Question Time**

No questions were raised.

**118. Police Report**

No report had been provided by the police, but several councillors had been approached by members of the public concerned about homeless individuals who had been camping around the town on land owned by EDDC. The town clerk confirmed that East Devon had confirmed earlier that day that an eviction order

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had been served on said individuals. Cllr Hartnell confirmed that assistance had been offered by relevant officers at EDDC but this had been declined.

**119. County Councillor's Report**

Members noted Cllr Hartnell's verbal report, and the issue of electric charging points was raised. He confirmed that 4 on-street charging points had been agreed in both Exmouth and Cranbrook and Members discussed whether an expression of interest should be put forward for the installation of points in Seaton. Members agreed that this was an initiative that would benefit the town. Cllr Hartnell would provide the town clerk with the details of the relevant officer leading this initiative. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council should put forward a formal expression of interest. (moved Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Bowman)

**120. District Councillors' Reports**

Members noted the written report of Cllr Rowland who answered questions arising. The following issues were discussed:

- 60 charging points were being installed across East Devon for the use of electric vehicles
- Seafront development – a response was awaited, by EDDC, from the directors of Fosseway Transition Ltd and an update would be provided to the Council in due course.
- Seaton Hospital – Cllr Rowland confirmed that Seaton Area Health Matters were still focused on the hospital being used. There were parties who had expressed an interest in taking space but no further details could be provided at present.

**121. Town Clerk's Report**

Members noted the update on the Council's work and priorities for the 2021/22 municipal year and asked that the draft Volunteer Policy be brought to Council for approval as a priority. The town clerk confirmed that, whilst she would endeavour to bring this to Members for consideration as soon as possible, there was a considerable amount of work involved in order for a volunteer scheme to be set up safely and effectively.

**122. Committee meeting minutes**

Members received and note the minutes of the following committee meetings:

- Planning Committee – 20 September and 4 October 2021
- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 20 September 2021

(moved Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Beer)

**123. Review of Financial Regulations**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the updated Financial Regulations.



(moved Cllr Beer, seconded Cllr Wood)

**124. Strategic Plan 2021-2026**

Having considered the results of the community consultation and resultant draft strategic plan, Members **RESOLVED** to adopt the draft Strategic Plan for 2021 – 2026, subject to following amendment:

- a commitment to continue to lobby EDDC on the redevelopment of the Moridunum and wider redevelopment of the seafront and to make such smaller improvements to the seafront as are possible within available budgets

(moved Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Bowman)

**125. Cyclefest Budget 2022**

Members considered the request for sponsorship and **RESOLVED** to invite the organizers of Cyclefest to bring forward an application with all pertinent information under the community grants scheme, should they wish to do so.

(moved Cllr Hartnell, seconded Cllr Wood)

**126. Community Grants**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve an application for a community grant for £1,000 from TRIPP.

(moved Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Wright)

**127. Appointment to Committees**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Haggerty should be appointed to the vacancy on the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

(moved Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Burrows)

**128. Promote Seaton**

Members **RESOLVED** that the Council's officers:

- no longer provide administrative support for meetings of Promote Seaton
- prepare and circulate a proposal template to assist Promote Seaton in bringing forward proposals to the Council for funding and assistance

(moved Cllr Bowman, seconded Cllr Hartnell)

**129. Internal Audit Report**



Members received the mid-year report of the internal auditor and noted that a draft investment policy would be brought to Council for consideration at its next meeting.

(moved Cllr. Ledger; seconded Cllr Beer)

Meeting closed at 7.05pm.

Signed

*K Beer*

Dated

*6/12/2021*